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THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

By Bruce Robinson

Christmas is a time of tradition. Our families have traditions, our neighbors, cities, and towns have traditions. Our countries have special traditions. Some traditions are universal. Children everywhere hang up Christmas stockings. Did you Know that this particular tradition has numismatic origins?

Many years ago, as the legend goes, a young british lad was playing outside on Christmas eve. As will usually happen, the young fellow got his feet wet from the fresh snow. After a mild scolding from his mother, he was admonished to hang his socks near the fireplace to dry out and was sent to bed.

Later that same evening, as St. Nick was making his rounds, while decending that particular chimney, several gold sovereigns fell out of his pockets. Normanally, these coins would have fallen down into the grate, but because this was Christmas Eve (which we all know is a magical time), the coins fell not into the grate, but in to the young lads drying stockings.

Children have been hanging Christmas stockings ever since, hoping to get presents in them. While you may not get any gold sovereigns in YOUR

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Any news, views, or info that you would like to share? Call and let someone else know. we appriciate your comments.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

This issue of the TOKEN HUNTER marks the end of the first five years of The National Utah Token Society. The stage is set for our progression into our first decade as an organization. As for myself, the past two years as president have been both challenging and rewarding.

As we end this year our organization has more than doubled in size since its beginnings in 1982. We have 75 members at present, our finances are the best that they have ever been and there are no plans for increasing dues for at least another year. Our Coin and Token Show has established itself as a premenent part of the numismatic scene scene in Utah and other endove ors have brought us local and national recognition.

In short, our organization is in excellent health and from all indications will vontinue to be.

I want to thank all of the members and officers who have given me their help and support in the the past two years. I am looking foward to working with the incomming officers and serving as coin show chairman in 1987.

This months TOKEN HUNTER has been mailed early in order to help keep the mailing costs at a minimum. Enclosed you will find your election ballot. It is very important that it be filled out and returned by December 14, 1986. This ballot will determine the way the society will be run, so make your voice heard and VOTE!!!

We will announce out new officers, and swear them in at the December meeting The meeting will be held at Seaman James Bartley's. This is the annual Chrismas Dinner Party. We will be giving awards for 100% attendance, best article to appear in the TOKEN HUNTER, and top recruiter for the year. Bob Campbell will also be giving out the last set of clues for the Treasure Hunt. We have over 600.00 worth of gold and silver and TOKENS that we will be giving away. All this plus a good meal shouls make for an enjoyable evening, so make your reservations with Mary Moulton as soon as possible.

Mark December 30th on your calander a and I'll see you at the party.

George

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stocking this year (about all I ever get is 10 million year old "dinosaur mud--COAL), Three lucky people will go home from our Christmas Dinner with gold coins!!! Ten more people will win Silver medallions! Everyone will win tokens! And we will be carring on a tradition in our club!!!

Oh, yes, we will be following one more tradition in our club. In the true sense of the American Way, "YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!"

See you there

FRANKLY SPEAKING...

Well, we come to the end of another year with a new election. Just a few words from me. I have enjoyed being your Treasurer for the past five years. It has been fun and enjoyable and I would think each and every one of our members should run for an office for a year or two as I have this office.

I would like you to know that the Club is in sound financial condition. We have enough funds to pay for our meeting place, our token hunter and a few extras. To leave an office and know you are leaving next year's officers in good financial condition means that they will not have to worry about monies. They will be able to go on to more important things for the Club.

Also, throughout this year I have heard a few complaints about the quality of tokens we draw for each month. Ninety-eight percent of these tokens are given at 10-20% of catalog and there ~~are~~ only three places we have received them from. We welcome all members who have extra tokens and would sell at these prices to contact any of the officers. We would be glad to talk to you.

We have also been asked about our auctions. The messages I have received back imply that the owners do not want to sell as cheap as you want to buy. This comes back to the old way, I can trade better and get what I need faster rather than sell and buy.

If anyone has suggestions, we welcome them. Please contact us.

Last but not least, thank you for letting me be Treasurer for the past years. I really enjoyed it.

Frank

PLACE'S TO WATCH

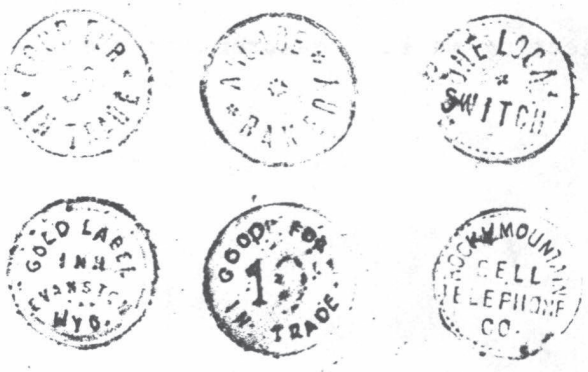
By Glen Sidwell

Now that cooler weather is here I think everyone will agree that it is easier to find thoes deeper, harder to get at coins and tokens. I am sure that most members with metal detectors have come up with a few good finds th this month.

Silver seems to pop up with me a bit moew than usual, for instance, Bryan Moulton and myself have been over the parking strip at 260 East 700 South several times between us. Last week while searching for an area to take my detector over, I decided to return and give this strip one more try.

After about five minutes I came up with a 1939-d murcury dime to my surprize. I decided then and there to dig every signal, good or bad, just to see what would happen. In the next hour I dug up a 1936-s murcury dime, a 1903-p Barber dime, a 1908-d Barber quarter, two wheat pennies, and an elongated penny from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. Not bad for an area that had been worked by who knows how many people.

Anyway, the point is that the air is cool and the ground is moist so go back and re check some of thoes spots you covered during the summer months, you may be surprized at what you can dig from that smae spot now.



COLLECTORS CORNER

By Irv Radcliff

Collecting of trade tokens began in 1980, shortly after acquiring the 1st edition of Campbell's Tokens of Utah.

The addiction to trade tokens has some built-in frustration for several reasons: 1. If you see one that you would like to buy, it's in someone elses collection. 2. If you have a really good trader, your OK. 3. If you don't own a metal detector or you are less than professional in it's use, then adding to your collection will be pretty slow. If you buy from a shop, you pay an arm and a leg, and the well is soon dry.

Exposure to the trade token collecting has forced me to broaden the list of things I collect. While Dairy and Co-op tokens interest me most, I've had to move to older Utah post cards, pocket watch fobs and encased coins (usually pennies) with Utah advertising on them. Since none of these are easy to find, I have started to collect embossed half pint milk bottles when ever they match dairy tokens I have. Collectables from Utah Pioneer Day Celebrations is probably last on my list of favorites, but to find anything prior to the centennial celebration (1847-1947) is tough.

Nearly every token collector will console another token collector by saying" you have to be patient, you will never find all the things that you want to within a short period." My response to that is "your right". But if success in collecting can be measured by time I spend chasing or reading Utah history, making telephone calls or just being broke most of the time, then I am reasonably successful.

LATUDA TREASURE

Stories that are past my word of mouth are the dreams that breed fortune hunters. My wife came home after church one day talking faster than I can listen. A neighbor, while out hunting stumbled onto a shed that he said contained six inches of tokens. How ever my wife started to talk about tokens in church still excapes me.

I first called my neighbor politely asking him where the shed was. He never told me where the shed was. I had to drag the information out of him. "I'll drive down, we'll use my car." He didn't bat an eye. That story of six inches of tokens still hunted me. Though weeks of waiting I finally stole the information. This dream find is in Helper, in the old coal mining town of Latuda. Latuda lays up Spring Canyon, which holds other towns of Peerless, Standardville, Rains, Mutual, and Little Standard.

First gettting there, my colleague Keith M. Jennings, what a wonderful person he his. There are no words that I can use to discribe him. He his ever thing that I wanted to be. We jumbed out of the car and went exploring Lutuda. We stumppled onto the magical shed. There was no need to open the door, since there was no door to open. No where was there to be the six inches of tokens that my neighbor said. There laid a few millimeters of these aluminum tokens. Which to this day the use of them still is a myster to us all.

So Keith filled up one of his pocket of this tokens, and off we went to explore the other towns. With one disappointment follow another. Though our three hours in the canyon we didn't find on single token. But what a wonderful way to spend a day; thinking of what could have been.

Here is a copy of the token

writen by (Keith M. Jennings)
for Robert Campbell

VOTE NOTES!!

It is once again time to elect new officers. The final date that votes can be recieved is December 14. All ballots recieved later will be invalid. Do not delay, fill out and mail your card today. Family memberships are entitled to two votes, singles get one. There has been space provided for write-in candidates.

Mary and Myself would like to encourage you all to vote. It is important that we all take an active interest in how our club is run.

We would also like to thank you for allowing us to take part in this organization by serving as officers. We have had a great time with the club, and have made many new friends.

It has been great to share friendship, interests, and fun during the past years. Hoping you have the best of holidays, and a bright new year.

Mary Moulton Sec. 1986
Bryan Moulton V.P. 1986

Clues! CLUES!! CLUES! clues!

#1) What are the 12th and 28th spaces on the Monopoly board?

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#4) $3x^2 + 13x - 93 = 93$ _____

Solve for x,

where x is a whole positive number

#9) Direction is the front of the Manti Temple Faces?

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#3) The name of a grocery store in West Jordan, contains a clue in it's name?

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for the 1986 Christmas Dinner.
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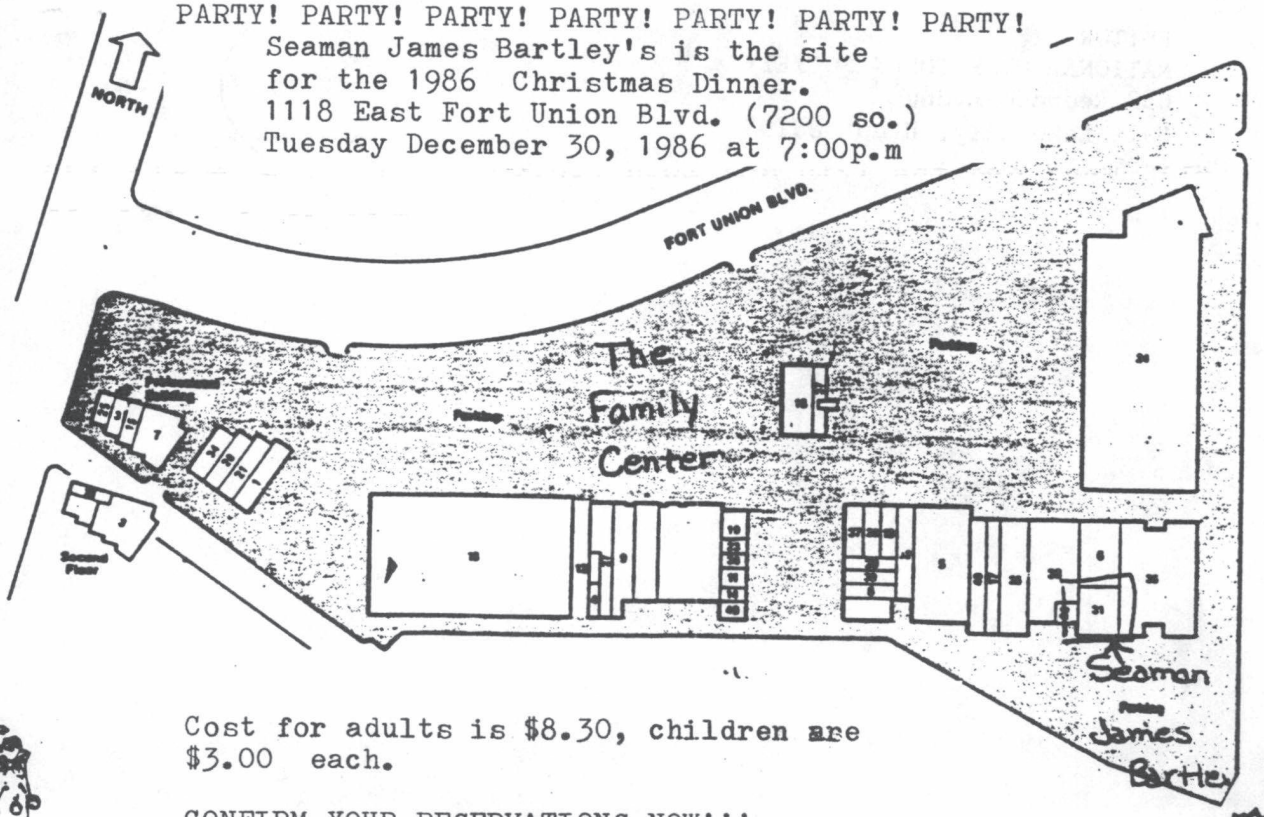
Tuesday December 30, 1986 at 7:00p.m



Cost for adults is $8.30, children are $3.00 each.

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